(c) In a few instances, bad odour emanating from the toilet fitted with bio-toilets have been reported mainly due to failure of the Exhaust fans on a particular coach. The exhaust fan has since been redesigned to overcome this problem and there are no further complaints.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) These bio-toilets have been fitted on experimental measures. The results and the response from public has been encouraging. Railways plan to introduce several more coaches with bio-toilets as an efforts towards control of environment pollution.

(f) Provision of bio-toilets is a development exercise as a railway effort for control of environment pollution. Only nominal expenditure has been incurred in its development.

Admission Scam in Kendriya Vidyalayas

624. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards news-item "Admission Scam in Kendriya Vidyalayas" that appeared in the Delhi edition of the 'Sunday Observer' dated the April 28 May 4, 1996;

(b) if so, whether any probe has since been ordered therein;

(c) if so, the detailed outcome; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) At this stage there are no specific complaints or evidence before the Government to warrant such an inquiry.

Un-manned railway crossings in Gujarat

625. SHRIMAT ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of un-manned railway crossings in Gujarat at present;

(b) the number of such crossings converted into manned crossings during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the number of such crossings proposed to be converted during the current year and next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) 2948.

(b) 54.

(c) It has been decided that no new unmanned level crossing will be added and the sensitive unmanned level crossings will be, on a planned basis, after due prioritisation, converted into manned level crossings with the help of the State Govts. who have to invest the initial capital cost.

Safety meausres in Railways

626. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper safety meausres are not being implemented in Railways, causing accidents;

(b) if so, whether the officers have recently admitted that most of the accidents occur due to human error; and

(c) if so, whether Railway Staff has been held responsible for most after accidents that occurred during the past three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. Proper safety measures are being implemented.

(b) and (c) Causewise analysis of accidents reveals that human error has been one of the major causes of accidents. Each accident case is enquired into, responsibility is fixed and action is taken.

Rationalisation of Fertilizer Price Structure

627. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: